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the profession. The other road will lead to the control of the profession by those who best understand its needs; and this will bring with it a quickening of the sense of responsibility towards and pride in the profession. The power of judgment and the faculty of expression will be developed, the influence of nursing opinion will then make itself felt, and better conditions will be the result, not only for nurses themselves but for the public which is dependent on their efficiency.

A REFUGE FOR LEPERS

The Journal of the American Medical Association reports the passage by Congress of a bill providing for a national hospital for lepers, "in which may be gathered for care and treatment those unfortunate persons who may be infected with leprosy. The number in any one state is too small to justify the establishment of state institutions. The popular horror of leprosy and the absence of adequate provisions for the care of lepers have led in the past to extremely cruel and inhuman incidents which, it is hoped, will in the future be impossible. The removal of infected persons forming possible centers of infection will doubtless tend to check the spread of the disease, while rigid quarantine inspection will halt all immigrant lepers at our ports of entry. The passage of this bill is a distinct achievement for public health, and marks not only a growing disposition on the part of Congress to legislate constructively on public health questions, but also the constantly expanding importance and scope of the United States Public Health Service. To Senator Ransdell of Louisiana, chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Health and National Quarantine, and to Mr. Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, is due a large share of the credit for the success of this measure."